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FARMERS WRITE M. U. ABOUT CHINCH BUG

Entomologist Explains Use of Barriers That May Be Used in Fighting the Pest.

The department of entomology of the University of Missouri has been flooded recently with letters from Missouri farmers asking about chinch bugs.

Several asked what barriers are best to use against the pest. To this question, Leonard Haseman, assistant professor of entomology, made the following reply: "The dust barriers in dry weather and the chemical barriers in damp weather should be used. The simplest dust barrier consists of one or more parallel ditches in which a log is kept moving. A plowed strip well stirred is also good. For chemical barriers, first make a path with a hoe and run a narrow line of tar, road-oil, stock dip, or similar repellent along the path. Renew it often at first to keep it fresh."

Mr. Haseman says that the chinch bugs attack only grassy crops and do not feed on clover, alfalfa, cow-peas, or similar crops.

"To kill the bugs which get on the first few rows of corn," said Mr. Haseman, "a ten per cent emulsion of coal-oil should be made by boiling half a pound of soap in one gallon of water and then pouring the hot suds into a pail containing two gallons of coal-oil. The mixture should be thoroughly churned and then diluted to twenty gallons. This can also be used to kill the migrating bugs on the ground or where they may be collected in wheat at this time."

"The injury to crops first appears where the ground is dryest or poorest, but the bugs may be damaging the crop elsewhere also. Do not plow under infected rye or other crops and plant corn at once. The bugs will crawl out and get the corn as it comes up. Do not be in a hurry to plow under infested wheat, for with plenty of rain, the bugs will do less damage, and there may be partial crop."

"Some ask what can be done immediately, and I would say that practically nothing where bugs are widely distributed. The bugs should have been killed by

burning them in their harboring places before April 15. Some ask if cow-peas planted in corn will keep the chinch bugs out. The crop will strengthen the corn, but will not keep the bugs out.

"If the bugs are allowed to leave the wheat and get into corn fields, they will mature and lay eggs for a fall brood of bugs which damage corn and pass the inter to start the next year's trouble."

Mr. Haseman has answered a number of the most common questions about controlling the chinch bug in a 4-page circular just issued by the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of Missouri.

MODERN FENCE BUILDING New Steel Wire Fence on Steel Posts Will Enclose Missouri State Grounds.

Farmers who attend the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia, September 25 to October 2, will see the most practical demonstration of fence making that Missouri has ever attempted, despite the fact that the state had only the utilitarian features of the construction in view when the new enclosure around the Fair Grounds was devised. It is not only horse high, bull strong and pig proof, but is by bull proof, too, for it was designed to be unclimbable. It means that several hundred dollars in revenue is to be added to the gate receipts because of its unclimbableness for there will be no "crawling under the canvas" at the State Fair Grounds this fall. The best of material, including steel posts, and the most modern construction, were used in this, the state's model fence.

Paul Wilson Killed.

C. L. Wilson, county collector, received a telegram Wednesday morning notifying him of the death of his brother, Paul, in Columbus, Nebr. Wednesday morning at 3:30 o'clock. His death was due to injuries received in an automobile accident last Sunday.

Mr. Wilson was 39 years of age and unmarried. He was born on a farm near Corder, Mo., and is survived by six brothers and three sisters. They are: John of Higginsville, William of Corder, Howard of California, Sydney of Nashville, Tenn., Ben of Vona, Cal.; C. L. Wilson of Lexington; Mrs. E. S. Willis of Armstrong, Mo.; Mrs. W. B. Lunbeck of Malta Bend, Mo., and Mrs. C. E. Yingling of Lexington.

Mrs. John Strodtman returned to her home in Napoleon Friday morning after a visit here with her daughter, Mrs. Vince Owen.

Chinch Bugs Becoming Dangerous.

By Leonard Haseman.

The old winter-over bugs are doing much damage to wheat in west central Missouri and are beginning to lay their eggs. By the time this reaches the press the majority of the eggs will have been laid and the old bugs will have begun to die off and their hords of young will be appearing. This is the time the real chinch-bug campaign should be started. The old bugs are difficult to handle since they can fly but the eggs and young bugs are more easily controlled.

The Missouri College of Agriculture recommends that before the 25th of May one important thing should be done wherever the pest is abundant and destroying the wheat. Many fields are so heavily infested that the wheat is already hopeless so far as grain is concerned. In those cases the important thing to consider is the complete destruction of the crop of young bugs. Those fields of wheat which are entirely ruined should be used for pasture or hay and then plowed under as deeply as possible and worked down thoroughly. This will bury most of the eggs and young so deeply they cannot get out and those which do will find no food and will soon die. If a crop is to be planted, cowpeas or soybeans are best for the bugs will not attack these crops. Corn should not be planted until the bugs are gone. In most cases this will be too late for a good corn crop.

If there is a good stand of clover in the wheat, in place of plowing under, mow the wheat as close as possible for hay. This will deprive the young bugs of food and if they are not permitted to reach other green crops, they will starve. If necessary a ditch and log barrier can be used to check them.

It is not necessary to cut or plow under wheat which will give a partial crop of grain. The bugs in such fields can be destroyed when the wheat is cut, if barriers are used properly.

Levi P. Morton 91 Years Old.

Washington, D. C., May 15.—Levi P. Morton, one of the three living ex-Vice Presidents of the United States, will attain the age of 91 years tomorrow. Mr. Morton is still suffering physically from the severe illness with which he was stricken two years ago, but mentally his faculties are said to be unimpaired. The summer will be passed by the aged financier and former Vice President at his country place on the Hudson.

Not All Get Favorable Results.

Nora Green, colored, was defeated in a suit for damages against the Western Coal and Mining Company which was tried in the Saline circuit court last Saturday. Lyons and Ristine represented the widow.

Rev. Carl Burkhardt returned Wednesday evening from Pleasant Hill where he had been attending the District Convention of the Christian Church. The Lexington church is in the second District which comprises 17 counties lying just south of the Missouri river and reaching across the state. There are 160 churches and 20,000 disciples in the district.

Rev. R. B. Briney, former pastor here, was a chief speaker on the program.

Lexington was represented by Mrs. John Logan, Miss Elsie Weber, Miss Pinkie Chinn, and Rev. and Mrs. Carl Burkhardt.

G. P. Warren went to Kansas City Monday to spend the day on business.

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NOT DESIGNED FOR A POET

Youngster Seemingly Had Overestimated His Ability as a Constructor of Rippling Rhyme.

Not everyone can write poetry. Nevertheless, it is the opinion of many excellent teachers of language and literature that the effort to write smoothly on lefty and beautiful themes, and to select words that rhyme, is a valuable exercise.

One such teacher suggested to a class of first-year high-school boys that each of them present an original poem for the semiweekly theme. Immediately there were signs of vigorous protest on a dozen faces. Seeing that, the teacher announced, "I expect every one of you to try to write a poem. If anyone finds that he cannot, and that his standing is likely to be reduced by the effort, he may hand in—along with his verses—a prose essay written in the best style he can command."

One boy in the class was evidently delighted with the idea of writing a poem. He smiled broadly and nodded approval as vigorously as his neighbors had protested.

At the conclusion of the recitation this boy stopped a moment at the teacher's desk and, gurgling with delight, confided, "I have never tried to write a poem, but I believe I could write one on almost any subject."

The teacher smiled encouragingly. "Do the best you can on some subject with which you are familiar," he said.

The next morning, at the same hour, the previously self-confident youngster humbly approached the teacher and begged, "Please, sir, I can't get any further with my poem unless you will help me on one point. Does 'myself' rhyme with 'window'?"—Youth's Companion.

JIMMY'S VACATION



"Jimmy, did you have a good vacation last summer?"
"No, sir. Maw wouldn't let me go swimmin', and she made me take a cold bath every mornin'."

TIMES CHANGE.

Bill—That friend of mine is president of a bank now.
Jill—Oh, indeed!
"Yes; I remember when he was janitor of that same bank."
"That was when he was 'poor but honest,' I suppose."

TOOK IT, ANYWAY.

First Waiter—Dat mean guy I just waited on insulted me wid a dime.
Second Ditto—What did yer do?
First—I accepted it wid indignation.

WILLING TO OBLIGE.

"Waiter, are any of the compounds on this bill of fare of a deleterious nature?"
"Oh, yes, sir; we have the latest things out."

ITS USE.

"A dog's nose ought to be more ornamental than it is."
"Why so?"
"Because it is his scenter piece."

HIS BUSINESS.

"Our garbage man always looks so cross when he comes."
"That's the natural effect of being so much in the dumps."

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

"I have a friend, a singer, who is looking for an apartment."
"Then I suppose she wants a suite thing in A flat."

THE EXACT SPOT.

"Did he strike you between phases of the argument?"
"No; he struck me between the eyes."

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